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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
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Serial No.: 09/938,158) Customer No.: 00919

Filed: August 23, 2001) Group Art Unit: 3627

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Title: SECURE TAX METER AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER
CENTER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON
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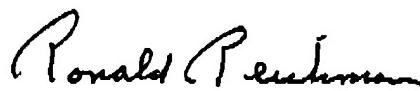
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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